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As a 36 year veteran DoD employee, I fully support the adoption of the contractor ethics rule by the FAR Council. I support the positions of Ms. Linda Chavez-Thompson and Mr. Wade Henderson and their comments regarding penalizing contractors who can't play by rules Congress has established for the rest of the country and contracting officers' responsibility to evaluate contractor's ethical behavior. Members of the government acquisition community have been subjected to 8 years of downsizing, with far fewer resources and manpower at our disposal to make critical decisions than we once had. We need all the extra help we can get to carry out the business of efficient and economical government procurement and contracting. Strengthening the ethics standards for government contractors and holding them accountable to the same high standards we expect from everybody else can't be all bad and is a positive step in the right direction.

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